



July 7, 2009

Via Solar PEIS comment form and electronic mail

Linda Resseguie
Bureau of Land Management Washington Office

Dear Ms. Resseguie:

The Large-scale Solar Association (LSA) is a utility-scale solar trade association whose purpose is to advance policies supporting the utility-scale solar market. LSA's member companies include Abengoa Solar, Ausra, BrightSource Energy, Cogentrix, First Solar, Infinia, Iberdrola Renewables, Nextlight, Solel, SunPower and Tessera Solar. The companies, whose portfolios represent more than 6,000 megawatts of signed utility contracts in the West, have technologies and models that span both photovoltaic and solar thermal applications.

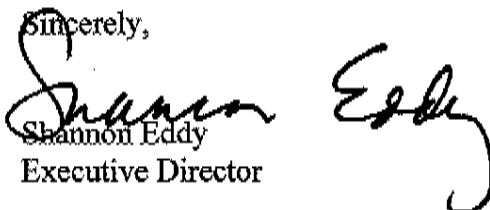
LSA appreciates the opportunity, as part of the BLM's PEIS process, to help identify solutions to solar energy siting issues that can meet the Administration's climate goals while safeguarding the nation's valuable natural and cultural resources.

LSA writes to request an extension of 45 days to the comment period established for review of the Administration's plans for its solar program. LSA has interests in more than one state and needs additional time in order to prepare comments which will reflect all of the companies' respective interests.

LSA fully recognizes the urgent need to move forward to find appropriate areas for solar development. At the same time, we believe that we must take the time necessary to plan carefully and comprehensively, and to select the right places that are both protective of desert ecosystems, landscapes, and species and are also practical for solar energy development. Affording us the requested additional time at the beginning of this process will benefit all concerned in the long run and will further the Administration's climate change, natural resource protection and renewable energy goals.

Thank you in advance for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Eddy", is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "y".
Shannon Eddy
Executive Director

cc: Mike Pool, Acting BLM Director
Ashley Conrad-Saydah, Renewable Energy Project Manager, CA BLM